

I am a subscriber to XM Satellite radio and have been a subscriber for nearly two years.

I am willing to PAY XM for programming choices that I simply am not afforded by local broadcasters.

It is of great concern to me that the NAB via HR 4026 is attempting to legislate the REMOVAL of programming choices that are logical and beneficial to subscribers.

If this law were to be passed and signed into law then current XM ... and Sirius subscribers would again be forced to wade through the top forty-driven monotony of FM radio.

Although commercial radio does offer some degree of traffic/weather reporting, reporting is intermittent and unlike XM/Sirius isn't offered 24/7. The service that XM/Sirius offers is fundamentally different in the following ways:

- 1) One must subscribe and PAY for the satellite radio.
- 2) One is able to ascertain traffic/weather conditions prior to entering the market (XM/Sirius is national vs. localized reception).
- 3) XM/Sirius is a continuous loop repeated 24/7. Local radio stations provide intermittent coverage during peak drive times and typically NO coverage for the majority of the day/night.

I can certainly see why the NAB is attempting to protect their member stations from satellite radio competition, but I pose this question to the FCC AND to Congress: Is the consumer better served by eliminating satellite radio as a competitor to local broadcasters?